



Midlothian ISD Schools Continue to Excel

Midlothian ISD received a written notification from the Texas Education Agency that the District's appeal was granted regarding accountability ratings for J.R. Irvin, Longbranch, and Mt. Peak Elementary schools. After careful agency review, both J.R. Irvin Elementary and Longbranch Elementary's accountability ratings changed from *Recognized* to *Exemplary*. Mt. Peak Elementary's rating changed from *Academically Acceptable* to *Recognized*.

On behalf of the administration and the campus faculty, I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Neeley and the staff at the Texas Education Agency for considering our appeal and appropriately changing the accountability ratings for J.R. Irvin, Longbranch, and Mt. Peak Elementary campuses.

The appeals related to the fact that the SDAA II tests were administered for the first time to some of our special education students. There was no prior testing information to base decisions regarding which level of test to give our special education students. We make every attempt for these students to take the most appropriate test in order to be successful. Based on a review of all criteria related to our special education students, TEA was able to grant our appeal for the three elementary campuses.

The 2005 Accountability Ratings are as follows:

T.E. Baxter Elementary	<i>Recognized</i>	Frank Seale Middle School	<i>Recognized</i>
J.R. Irvin Elementary	<i>Exemplary</i>	Walnut Grove Middle School	<i>N/A (new school)</i>
Longbranch Elementary	<i>Exemplary</i>	Midlothian High School	<i>Academically Acceptable</i>
Mt. Peak Elementary	<i>Recognized</i>		
J.A. Vitovsky Elementary	<i>Recognized</i>		

The 2005 Gold Performance Acknowledgements are as follows:

TEA recognized all Midlothian campuses with 2005 Gold Performance Acknowledgements. Acknowledgement is given for high performance when the campus or district is rated Academically Acceptable or higher and has met the acknowledgement criteria on one or more of the indicators.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>	<u># of schools</u>	
Attendance-----	3	
RHSP (<i>Recommended High School Graduation Plan</i>)	1	(Only high school eligible)
TAAS/TASP-----	1	(Only high school eligible)
Commended Reading-----	6	} Schools must have 20% or more students receive commended rating.
Commended Math-----	5	
Commended Writing-----	5	
Commended Science-----	1	
CI: Reading/ELA-----	1	
CI: Math (<i>CI is Comparable Improvement</i>)-----	1	

* The District also received a Gold Performance Acknowledgment for Commended Writing.

Midlothian students continue to improve in every subject area. The following chart compares the yearly TAKS scores according to panel recommendation standards.

	% Passing 02-03	% Passing 03-04	% Passing 04-05
Reading/ELA	82%	90%	91%
Writing	92%	97%	98%
Social Studies	84%	89%	93%
Math	69%	77%	83%
Science	55%	68%	79%

For more information on the district's ratings and gold performances, visit the TEA website at www.tea.state.tx.us.

We will continue to strive to provide the best possible academic environment for our students as we celebrate 100 years of educational excellence.